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SUBJECT: BELIZEAN ARTIFACTS RECOVERED IN FLORIDA

REFS: (A) STATE 295436 (1975), (B) BELIZE 839 AND 757
(1975)

1. U.S. CUSTOMS INFORMED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 13 THAT ARTI-
FACTS MENTIONED IN REFTELS NOW SUBJECT OF JUDICIAL FOR-
FEITURE PROCEEDING BEFORE FEDERAL COURT IN FLORIDA. FULL
PROCESS MAY TAKE ONE-TWO MONTHS BEFORE ITEMS BECOME LEGAL
PROPERTY OF USG AND RETURN TO BELIZE CAN BE ARRANGED.
CUSTOMS DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY IN SECURING FOR-
FEITURE, BUT TIME REQUIRED TO PERMIT RECEIPT OF PETITIONS
FROM PRIVATE CLAIMANTS, ETC. GOB WILL BE INFORMED OF PRO-
CEDURES TO ARRANGE RETURN WHEN FORFEITURE COMPLETED.

2. INVENTORY OF ARTIFACTS SEIZED GIVEN BELOW:

- 63 ARROWHEADS AND SCRAPERS;
- 1 RED POTTERY BOWL (APPROX 2 INCHES DEEP, 12 INCHES
- DIAMETER);
- 1 THREE-LEGGED POTTERY VASE (APPROX 6 INCHES HIGH, FOUR
- INCHES DIAMETER);
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- 1 FRAGMENT OF SMALL ARM AND HAND;

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- 17 SMALL ROCK CHIPS;
- 1 METATE (ROCK CORN GRINDER) WITHOUT LEGS AND
- NO GRINDING STONE;
- 1 METATE (ROCK CORN GRINDER) WITH LEGS AND NO GRINDING
- STONE;
- 2 FRAGMENTS OF CEREMONIAL STONE (APPROX 12 INCHES DIA-
- METER);
- 12 CEREMONIAL STONES OF VARIOUS SHAPES AND SIZES;
- 1 SMALL CEREMONIAL STONE WITH HOLE IN CENTER.

VALUE OF ITEMS APPRAISED IN FLORIDA AS BETWEEN 2,500 U.S. DOLLARS AND 25,000 U.S. DOLLARS. INGERSOLL

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